

REMARKS

The necessary new sheet of drawings is submitted herewith, in which the figure legends for Figs. 2 and 4 are reversed.

The claims previously in the case have been replaced by a set of new claims, which are believed to be proper as to form and patentable over the cited references.

In the new claims, the material not shown in the drawings has been omitted. However, the intermediate mat and the pierced orifice can be seen in the drawings. The pierced orifice, of course, is 30 or 32. The intermediate mat is the sheet of insulating material on which the aluminum has been laid, prior to superposition of the insulating top sheet.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as being anticipated by or unpatentable over LUND et al., alone or in view of EISLER or EK et al., or HITZIGRATH or HACKETT et al.

The rejections fall down on LUND. In LUND, there are two tracks, but they are separate from each other. The loops of the tracks do not follow each other in side-by-side relation. The loops of the tracks do not interfinger with each other, that is, imbricate.

Thus, the finished size of the mat of LUND et al. is its only available size in a direction perpendicular to the lengths of the loops .

As seen in Figure 2 of LUND et al., separate lengths can be cut from a continuous strip; but what results is merely a plurality of the devices as seen in Fig. 1: Again, the loops of one strip do not interfinger with those of another.

By contrast, in the present invention, the loops interfinger from what might be called an inlet end to an outlet end. What is thus sold to the customer can be as in Fig. 1, or it can be some lesser size, the increments of decrease in size, or decrements being each equal to the pitch P shown in Fig. 1.

In other words, the present invention can be cut off along lines parallel to the loops; but LUND et al. can be cut off only on lines perpendicular to the lengths of the loops, the resulting products of the present invention and LUND being fundamentally different from each other in ways recited in the new claims.

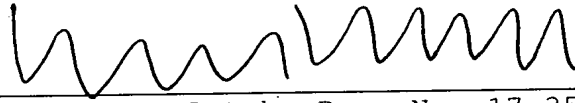
As the new claims bring out these features of novelty with ample particularity and distinctness, it is believed that they are all patentable, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- Replacement Sheet for Sheet 2/2 of the drawings
bearing Figs. 2, 4, 5 and 6

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Replace the second sheet of drawings (Sheet 2/2) bearing Figs. 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the accompanying new sheet of drawing bearing Figs. 2, 4, 5 and 6, in which the figure legends for Figs. 2 and 4 are reversed.

Attachment: one Replacement Sheet